Co-ordination between need and availability of labour

†961. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's Economy is one of the fast growing economies of the world; if not, facts in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the present economic system 90 per cent job opportunities are available to the people having occupational skill; if not, facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 90 per cent of the people from Universities, colleges and schools are in possession of literal knowledge only;

(d) if not, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(e) the details of Government's scheme for the co-ordination of need and availability of labour in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Economy has grown at an average rate of about 8% per annum.

(b) Normally a skilled person has better potential for employability. However, such quantification is difficult because of non-availability of data.

(c) and (d) As per latest data available percentage of scholars in the academic streams of education in Universities, Colleges and Schools is about 96%.

(e) National Employment Service has a present network of 965 employment exchanges located in the country. These exchanges work as agencies to match between demand for labour (vacancies notified by the employers to the employment exchanges) and making submissions (supply of labour) against the notified vacancies.

Social security scheme for unorganised sector

†962. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating a social security scheme for the workers of the unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what type of workers are likely to be included in this scheme; and

(d) by when this scheme is proposed to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) With a view to providing social security to unorganised sector workers, the Unorganised Sector Workers' Social Security Bill, 2007 has been introduced in Rajya Sabha on 10.09.2007.

The 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' for BPL families in Unorganised Sector has been launched on 1st October, 2007. The unorganized sector worker and his family (unit of five)

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

will be covered under the scheme. The total sum insured would be Rs. 30,000/- per family per annum on a family floater basis. The benefits will start accruing from 1st April, 2008.

With a view to providing death and disability cover to rural landless households, the 'Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana' has been launched on 2nd October, 2007. Under the scheme, the head of the family or one earning member in the family will be insured. The Central Government will bear 50% of the premium of Rs. 200/- per year per person and the remaining 50% of the premium will be borne by State Government. The benefits under the scheme include Rs. 30,000/- in case of natural death; Rs. 75,000/- in case of death due to accident. In case of partial disability to accident, the insurance cover would be Rs. 37,500/-. The children of beneficiaries of AABY studying in classes 9th to 12th including ITI courses are eligible to a scholarship @ Rs. 300/- per quarter per child for a maximum period of 4 years under Shiksha Sahyog Yojana.

Similarly, the National Old Age Pension Scheme (Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme) has been expanded to cover all BPL citizens above the age of 65 years with effect from 19.11.2007.

Bills for agriculture and non agriculture workers by NCEUS

963. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector (NCEUS) had recommended two comprehensive bills for agriculture and non-agriculture workers respectively in July, 2007;

(b) if so, whether the same was accepted;

(c) if no, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether NCEUS had also recommended creation of a National Fund for playing a catalytic role in the promotion of livelihood of unorganized workers;

(e) whether the same has been accepted; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (f) The National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector (NCEUS) has submitted a Report on Comprehensive Legislation for Minimum Conditions of Work and Social Security for Unorganized Workers in July, 2007. As regards providing social security to unorganised sector workers, the Unorganised Sector Workers' Social Security Bill, 2007 has been introduced in Rajya Sabha on 10.09.2007. Regarding Minimum Conditions of Work, the report is being examined in the Ministry in consultation with State Governments. The NCEUS has recommended creation of National Fund for Unorganised Sector. However, the recommendation was not accepted as it was felt that in view of the varied nature of the schemes, the source of funding should be prescribed in the schemes themselves.